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TARIFF COMMISSION:WHART

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SUBJ: INCLUSION OF QUANTITY DATA IN GATT TARIFF STUDY DATA
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REF: GENEVA 1718, MARCH 15, 1974

1. U.S. PROPOSED AT TNC TARIFF GROUP MEETING THAT, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, QUANTITY DATA BE INCORPORATED INTO TARIFF STUDY (TS) COUNTRY FILS (MAGNETIC TAPE) TO MATCH VALUE DATA ALREADY IN FILE, I.E., AT THE TARIFF LINE LEVEL. EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS AND SHARP PRODUCT PRICE INCREASES MAKE THIS DATA ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR MTN-RELATED TRADE ANALYSIS BY EACH PARTICIPANT.
2. EC AND CANADA ONLY TS PARTICIPANTS THAT DO NOT CURRENTLY INCLUDE QUANTITY DATA ON TAPES SUBMITTED TO GATT SECRETARIAT. CANADIAN DELEGATE PROMISED TO "TAKE UP MATTER" WITH OTTAWA OFFICIALS BEFORE NEXT TARIFF GROUP MEETING WEEK OF MAY 14.
3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO SEEK CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR U.S. PROPOSAL, NOTING THAT ALL MTN PARTICIPANTS COULD BENEFIT EQUALLY FROM AVAILABILITY OF BETTER DATA. IF APPROPRIATE, INDICATE U.S. COULD REFINE PROPOSAL TO ACCOMMODATE TECHNICAL OR OTHER PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED BY CANADIANS IN ASSEMBLING DATA.
4. GATT SECRETARIAT STATED AT MARCH MEETING (REFTEL) THAT IT WOULD CONSULT WITH CANADIANS ON THIS QUESTION. WASHINGTON AGENCIES NEED EARLY REPORT OF CANADIAN REACTION TO U.S. PROPOSAL AND, IF POSSIBLE, RESULTS OF DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARIAT TO ASSIST PLANNING U.S. POSITION FOR MAY TARIFF GROUP MEETING. RUSH

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